

## SF Bay Knar Association Annual Business Meeting (DRAFT Minutes)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Scheduled 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Francis Yacht Club (Northwest Room)

### Invitees:

- Risley Sams – Admiral
- Shawn McMurray – Secretary
- Owners of the following Boats  
(or their designee with a proxy authorization sent to the Admiralty at [sfbayknarrsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sfbayknarrsecretary@gmail.com))
  - 39, 47, 85, 99, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 114, 115, 116, 117, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 128, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144
- Kurt Hemmingsen – Vice Admiral
- Chris Kelley – Measurer

### Agenda:

- 6:12 PM Call to Order
  - Meeting called to order by Secretary, Shawn McMurray
  - Welcome Remarks by Admiral, Risley Sams
    - Great to be Admiral
    - Thanks everyone for being here
    - Meeting being recorded on Zoom for later review/records
      - [Zoom Video Recording](#)
      - [Business meeting Audio Recording](#)
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  - A One (1) Minute Moment of Silence was held for Knud Wibrow at the behest of Admiral, Risley Sams
- Roll Call – By Secretary, Shawn McMurray
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    - Present: 21
      - 39, 47, 85, 90, 102, 103, 104, 107, 108, 115, 116, 120, 123, 125, 128, 130, 133, 134, 135, 140, 142, 144
    - Proxies: 2
      - Risley Sams for 143
      - Russ Silvestri for 128
    - Not Present: 17
      - 100, 105, 106, 111, 114, 117, 122, 124, 127, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141
  - A full quorum was called by the Secretary and the Admiral suggested the meeting commence.
- Treasurer's Report – Presented by Admiral, Risley Sams
  - Discussion of the fleet's annual Income vs. Expenses
    - [SF Bay Knarr Association Treasury Year 2023](#)
      - Highlighted our current Registration Position with the Federal Government and State of California for Tax Purposes – 501(c)7 status
      - Thanked John Perkins for paying for space for Crab Feed
- Secretary's Report – Presented by Secretary, Shawn McMurray
  - 2023 Business Meeting Minutes:

- Shawn asked for a motion to pass the 2023 Business Meeting Minutes
    - Mike Ratiani made a **Motion** to accept the 2023 Business Meeting Minutes as posted on the website, Ron Young Seconded, no oppositions, Motion Carried
- Intro to new S.F. Bay Knarr website – Presented by Shawn McMurray and Risley Sams
  - [Knarr.US](http://Knarr.US)
  - Kudos to Mark Livley for development efforts
  - This is Phase 1, there will be more functionality added throughout the year
- Quarterly Admiralty Notes (“The Admiral’s Flyer”) – Presented by Risley Sams
  - Admiralty does a lot in the background, this will be to fill everyone in on what we have been working on.
  - Potential format still under discussion:
    - Watch the video, Listen to the Audio, or Read a Transcript
- Planned North Sails Trim Workshop – Presented by Vice Admiral, Kurt Hemmingsen
  - Inspired by the Danes, trim seminar via pictures and videos.
  - Alameda at the North Sails Loft on March 13th from 6-8.
    - Eric Doyle hosting
- IKA Chairmanship this year – Presented by Vice Admiral, Kurt Hemmingsen
  - Important – when we attended IKC in Norway, it took effort to get the Intermarital Technical Committee’s aligned.
  - Normalizing the Prescriptions across nations to come close to a global one design fleet
  - May be able to adopt a potential Code of Conduct in alignment with other fleets as a reminder of Fair Competition and
- [Long Range Planning Committee Report](#) – Presented by Chair of the LRPC, Terry Anderlini
  - Acknowledged the Committee
    - Bill Kreysler
    - John Perkins
    - Biran Keminster
  - Reiterated Knud Wibrow Reception Friday 2/23/2024
    - 10:30 am Boat Parade
    - Mike Ratiani has additional information
  - Special Fleet here in the Bay area mostly due to Knud Wibrow
  - Overview of Terry’s personal sailing history
  - Purpose – think about what we have been doing on and off the water
    - 3 sessions gathered info from ~70 people (skippers, crew and friends of the fleet etc.)
    - Get more boats on the water / Have more fun
  - Outcomes
    - Improvement of Fleet Communications: Lists, Directories, Website.
    - On-Shore Activity: Social Committee Chaired by Terry Anderlini and Tracy Roberts

- Pre-Sailing Season Kickoff Party
  - Highlights:
    - Jon Perkins worked on idea of Mini-IKC series in the SF Bay (Switching Boats)
    - Wildcard spot for IKC qualifying based on in-season participating
    - Paraphernalia (Knar Gear)
    - Weights of Boats and Crew Weight – Interest in Getting Boats more Similar
    - Different Kinds of Races We Could Have
      - light air races – Balena Bay
      - Wednesday Night flexibility (e.g. include children or family members, switching crews on boats with the goal of mixing things up and encourage new participants)
    - Training Sessions – several members volunteered to hold/host training sessions
    - Sportsmanship Issues on the Water (e.g. yelling, screaming, swearing at mark roundings, etc.)
      - Rule 69 Applicability
      - Russ Silvestri pointed out that there are no metrics around some of the issues and it is hard to point to changes without metrics
      - Mike Ratiani asked if the outcome is supposed to be a proposal that “if you see something you say something”?
        - Should we impose some sort of “Fleet Court” to discuss potential issues before issues make it to the protest room
      - Mark Dahm spoke to settling things on the water when possible, do your circles and move on – be Corinthian.
      - Kurt Hemmingsen spoke to the Danish Code of Conduct as a tool to be used here
      - Jeff Sporing asked if we could come up with a fun way to handle these items? Informal rules discussions – “Pub Quiz” styled discussions.
        - Jeff further wondered if making the leeward mark a gate would solve some of these issues
  - Recommending that LRPC be Continued again through 2024-25 and see what has been accomplished and what may change.
  - Bill Kreysler pointed out that many of the comments were repetitive
  - Brien Kemnitzer indicated that Knud Wibrow wanted the increased participation
- Proposed [2024 Racing Schedule](#) – Presented by Vice Admiral, Kurt Hemmingsen
  - Required a number of meetings with Yacht Clubs to organize
  - Learned in 2023 that racing around the J105’s and J88’s is not ideal
  - Elite Keel will be in the Berkeley Circle with J-Boats
  - Spring Fest will have a City Front course and a Fact of Alcatraz Course (80+) boats in that event
  - Planned 14 racing days, with 35 races
    - 1 Regatta in April
    - 1 Regatta in May
    - 2 Regattas in June
      - Classic Invitation – SYC has invited us to stay overnight, have committed to food and a live band out on the deck
      - Woodies in late in June

- 1 Regatta in August
      - Balena Bay in August (2-weeks prior to IKC's)
        - Potential for Mini-IKC format
    - IKC in August
    - 1 Regatta in September
    - 1 Regatta in October
  - Sean Svendsen presented on Wednesday Night Series and date changes
    - No Racing on Wednesday May 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024
  - Bill Kreysler **Moved** to accept the 2024 Season Racing Schedule as-is, Ron Young Seconded
    - Passed with Unanimous vote
  - Mini-IKC Format Discussion around which regatta would work or alternative dates
    - Idea is that owners cannot sail on their own boat
    - Different Boat for each race is recommended by Don Jessberg and Jon Perkins
    - Mike Ratiani recommended making it a non-season counter this year
    - Brien Kemnitzer **Motion** to look into Mini-IKC on City Front on August 3, and 4, 2024 consisting of 3 races each day starting at 10:30, Don Jessberg Seconded
      - 11 In Favor, 3 Opposed = Motion Passed
      - Kurt Hemmingsen will look into this
  - Sean Svendsen talked about how this fleet want to race earlier in windy venues, also Vice Admiral is supposed to communicate with Race Committee about venues.
- 7:15 PM Measurer's Report – Presented by Measurer, Chris Kelly
    - Presentation of Colver Cup to Chris Kelly – Presented by Admiral, Risley Sams
      - Person who dedicated a lot of time and energy to the fleet – Chris did that as fleet Measurer
      - Words from Chris about establishment of Technical Committee and how much the fleet stepped up to help out measuring.
    - Update on Status of Fleet Measurements
      - Measurement Certificates covering 9-priority rules for each boat were posted on old website, will be posted on new website soon
      - 3 Parameters to Gather Information on
        - J-Dimension
        - Boat Weight
        - Keel Cord Depth
    - Presentation and Discussion on [Boats Weights and Weighing Status](#)
      - 20 boats were weighed in 2023
        - Boat weighed on Certificate is Gross Weight (assumed without spars and no drawers)
        - Extremes, lightest and heaviest boats are about 600 lbs apart (averages make glass and wood boats about 350 lbs apart - no surprises)
      - [Naval Architect \(Bob Smith\) Report on Weights of Boats and Crew](#), includes recommendations
        - Unfortunately Bon Smith was unavailable tonight for discussion purposes
      - Discussion only, No rule changes proposed for 2024

- Potential discussion for LRPC?
- Jeff Sporing asked clarifying question about Crew Weight
  - Would this be a good season to collect anonymous crew weight data behind the scenes to help facilitate those discussions
- Don Jessberg talked about hull shapes and rocker being different among the various boats
- Bill Kreysler further discussed righting moment measurements, heavy boats and crews and the advantages of all of the above
- Mike Ratiani pointed out we should just keep sailing them as we have for 65 years
- Sean Svendsen stood up to talk about not making boats equal, feels the exercise is divisive, everyone knows the boats are not the same – does not want to see continued activity on this front because the boats will never truly be the same
- Mark Dahm acknowledging that will never be a truly one design fleet, perhaps the better way to do this is to vary the racing in light air and heavy air venues.
- Bill Belmont has been in the fleet 21 years, raised discussion he had with Hank Eason 10 years ago – it is not the boat its where you put it, and the only way you will ever know is pulling racing data from all the boats and see where they come out. Each boat has its moments. “Go with what you’ve got and make the most of it.”
- Risley Sams pulled the fleet discussion back to the acquisition of data, no proposals being made, just want to collect the data
- Ty Ingram suggested that younger members will not necessarily want the wood boats. Goal is to project to the outside world that the fleet is fair.
- Kurt Hemmingsen suggested we focus on crew weight instead of boat weight
- Risley Sams tried to pull the discussion back on track to focus on collecting data
- Chris Kelly we collected the data for a reason – to understand the differences – where do we go from here? Should we come up with a forum through which or by which we can continue these discussions?
- Risley Sams talked about the fact that this comes up every year, good thing for the Technical Committee and the LRPC to put together over the next year. Suggested we move forward with the meeting.
- **Motion** by Chris Kelley that the continuing LRPC be assigned the task of convening a group who they determine is representative to determine what is in the long range interest of the fleet for 2025 regarding the issues raised by Bob Smith report, seconded by Jon Perkins
  - 17 in favor, 3 opposed
  - Motion carried, LRPC will be assigned to look into this matter
- Update on 2024 Pre-Season Weigh Day – Presented by Risley Sams

- March 30<sup>th</sup> at Berkeley Marine there will be a final weigh day prior to the start of the 2024 racing season
  - Risley will be towing boats
  - Lots of boats still need to be weighed
  - Note: based on the meeting in 2023, unweighted boats will not have scores counted in 2024
- IKC 2024 Report – Presented by Mark Dahm
  - Committee meets every Second Tuesday of the Month at StFYC
  - Various Sub Committees
  - 25 boats on the line with 3 spares
    - New Main Sails and Jibs for all Boats
  - Will lean on Technical Committee to get 25+3 boats on the line to meet the regatta
  - Good News – Tremendous cooperation from StFYC Race Committee
    - Named as one of the big important series of the year
    - StFYC has marketing budget to help with planning
  - Will have a Knarr Village
  - Will have Merchandise
  - Insurance – Brien Kemnitzer looks into our borrowed boats policy through Chubb, will exercise this in our Mini-IKC and our IKC
    - File the claims and they get paid quickly by Chubb
  - Sponsorships – we are doing things jointly with StFYC to go after Helly Hansen, Gill, Jeff Brown Boats, and many Wine/Spirits Vendors
  - NOR and SI will be complete by April 1, 2024
  - PRO will be Thomas Nielsen from Norway
    - DPRO will be Tony Chargin
  - Activities
    - Opening Party at StFYC on August 30<sup>th</sup>
    - First Race is September 1
    - Will bring in a vendor to do Breakfast and lunch – covered in entry fee – on Labor Day (non-Union day)
    - Mid-Week Party to be held at Italian American Athletic Club in North Beach, Trolley Car transportation at less than \$100 per person – Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Brien Kemnitzer – please provide 501(c)3 for donations, and committed to a \$2,500 donation.
  - Mark quickly discussed donations through St. Francis Sailing Association are tax deductible.
- Social Committee Report – Presented by Tracy Roberts
  - Chair - Tracy Roberts and Terry Anderlini
    - Spoke about trying to bring more fun to the fleet
  - Pre-Race Season Dinner
    - March 28, 2024 at GGYC
  - Wednesday Nights –
    - teach people about race committee, flags, guns and roundings (to the extent visible)
    - Educate about History or fleet
    - Possible Dock Gatherings
  - Tracy wants her into on the Website for Social connections

- No Motions from the Floor
- Closing Remarks by Risley Sams
  - Thanking all of the additional participation in the fleet and activities
- 8:09 PM Mike Ratiani Proposed a Motion to Adjourn by Seconded by Bill Kreysler
  - Motion Passed unanimously